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TRAIL TRIALS - Musher Deha Wannamaker heads out with her four-dog team on a trial run for the Rosebud Run Sleddog Race scheduled to take place this weekend in Didsbury. Volunteers worked hard on Saturday, marking trails for the race and say if the snow holds the conditions will be perfect for the Feb. 17th and 18th race.

The race is on!

Mushers from across North America descend on Didsbury

BY JODI STYNER

Didsbury Review

Third time is indeed a charm for organizers of the Second Annual Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic.

After two postponements, due to lack of snow, the race is finally set to go Feb. 17 and 18.

"I can't even begin to tell you how excited we are," said committee chair Bill Windsor.

"The snow we got is just incredible."

Windsor and his crew are out doing last minute course work, putting up snow fence around corners, grooming the trail, and shovelling snow.

Local mushers were out on the weekend performing trial runs to test the trail and give timers a chance to practice.

Windsor, who has been following weather reports like a hawk for weeks continues to monitor them, but said the race will definitely take place this weekend.

The Rosebud Run is a salute to the hardy men and women who met the challenge of winter travel in the snowbound north, predating

the Skidoo and Arctic Cat.

Organizers say it's an amazing sight to see.

"When the teams are taking off, the dogs are so excited it's happening," he said.

"It's just absolute mayhem."

The junior event is a definite crowd pleaser, said Windsor.

"They're so small and they go like bullets around the trail," he said.

"And the skijoring: watching those idiots on boards getting pulled around the trail by two dogs is an example of insanity."

Spectators can find a number of good vantage points to view the race including the berm on the west side of Zion church, the road around the campground, and out on the highway by the intersection of Hwy 2A and 582.

"But if they want real action they should be down at the race site, no doubt about it," said Windsor.

"If (spectators) want real action they should be down at the race site, no doubt about it."

BILL WINDSOR
committee chair, Rosebud
Run Sleddog Classic.

So far, 38 mushers are registered for the event, but Windsor said he expects 70-80 registrations before the week's end.

The postponements caused race organizers to lose some entries, but Windsor said he isn't worried.

"We've lost some, there's no doubt about it, but we've also gained some," he said.

With the Canadian Challenge now over, many of the distance competitors will enter, and mushers with The Howling Dogs in Canmore have signed up as well.

"We've got some registrations from

Montana that we didn't expect too, so that's terrific," said Windsor.

Both 12 and six-dog teams will compete, as well as the juniors and skijorers.

The first day of racing will get underway Saturday at 10 a.m. and

will run until about 4 p.m., followed by a musher meal and mixer at the Elks Hall at 5 p.m.

The competition will continue Sunday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., followed by trophy presentations.

A souvenir booth will be set up in the concession tent.

Spectators can enjoy free parking north of the train station and at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. Street Parking is available in front of the train station, by Ward Value Drug Mart, Macy's Restaurant, along 20 Street (north of 20 Ave) and generally in Didsbury's downtown core.

Free shuttle service is also available from stops throughout downtown Didsbury.

Tickets for the meal and mixer are still available from Value Drug Mart, CIR Realty, Front Porch Realty, Didsbury Pharmasave, and Didsbury Drycleaners.

For more information, call the Chamber office at 335-3265 or e-mail the organizing committee at info@rosebudrun.ca.

Real-time race information will be available at www.rosebudrun.ca.

Rosebud Run schedule

**Friday,
February 16**

7:00 pm - Welcome Pkgs
& Registration
7:30 pm - Mushers
Meeting
8:00 pm - Draw Table
Prizes
9:00 pm - Mushers Bunk

**Saturday,
February 17**

8 a.m. - Race Site open
for mushers
9:45 a.m. - Shuttle
Service Starts
10 a.m. - Skijoring
10:30 a.m. - 4-Dog Open
11:30 a.m. - 4-Dog
Purebred Class
12:15 p.m. - Lunch Break
12:45 p.m. - 6-Dog Open
2:15 p.m. - 6-Dog
Purebred Class
3 p.m. - Junior Class
4 p.m. (approx.) - Shuttle
Service Ends
5 p.m. - RR Meal & Mixer
Opens
5:20 p.m. - RR Meal &
Mixer Welcome
5:30 p.m. - Rosebud Run
Meal is Served
6:15 p.m. - Sponsor
Recognition
7 p.m. - Entertainment
8 p.m. - RR Meal &
Mixer Closes

**Sunday,
February 18**

7:00 am - Race Site open
for mushers
8:45 am - Shuttle Service
Starts
9:00 am - Skijoring
9:30 am - 4-Dog Open
10:30 am - 4-Dog
Purebred Class
11:15 am - Lunch Break
11:45 am - 6-Dog Open
1:15 pm - 6-Dog Purebred
Class
2:00 pm - Junior Class
3:00 pm - Awards
Ceremony
3:30 pm (approx.) -
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Community halls grapple with changing times

BY JODI STYNER
Didsbury Review

When the Mountainview Community Hall flooded in March of last year it was forced to close its doors and, for a while, the board that governs its operations seriously considered shutting them for good.

John Kohut, who helps out the Mountainview Hall committee as a member-at-large, said people just aren't asking for communi-

ty hall services like they once did.

"The community is spreading out and it's not as tight as it was back in historical times," he said.

"But we still think there's a need for (the hall)."

Kohut said there was some serious debate: should we close it? Should we demolish it? Should we remodel it?

"After about four meetings, finally the overwhelming vote was, yes,

let's go ahead and renovate," he said.

The committee has started renovations - putting in new flooring, painting, remodeling the kitchen and storage areas, and installing a new interior water system - and hopes to reopen as early as March.

But the future of the Rosebud Hall may not be so bright.

Rhonda Hornbrook, whose son attends Beavers meetings and camps at the hall, is concerned that the Rosebud hall is no longer taking bookings.

"The beavers don't have a lot of money and the Rosebud Hall was always good about keeping things

quite reasonable for the beavers," she said.

"It's a huge concern and a huge loss to our area."

Members of the Rosebud

"It would be a shame to just let it go and fall in ruins."

JOYCE MULLEN
Lifetime member,
Rosebud Hall

Hall board agree, but say the fact is, interest in the hall is waning, and may not have a choice but to close it, and maybe even tear it down completely.

"It's going to cost a lot to fix it and the problem is not

so much that the hall should be closed, but the thing is the people who are in this area now are all older people and they don't want to have the job of organizing the stuff that we have there," said Joyce Mullen, a lifetime member of the hall.

"I don't know what'll happen to it."

The committee is set to meet in March or April to decide the fate of the hall, which got its start as the first school building in the area.

Mullen said it could be the end of the road for a building rich in history.

"It would be a shame to just let it go and fall in ruins," she said, adding that the

building is too close to county roads for anyone to build onto it, or rebuild.

"I don't know what's going to happen, but I want to be at the meeting," she said.

Some residents worry the Rosebud Hall closure could signal the death of community halls in general, and with that, the end of what it means to be a community.

Community halls used to be the nucleus of a community, where people gathered for just about everything.

But today, with travel made easier, and the trend seeing people spreading out, halls like Mountainview and Rosebud are struggling to stay afloat.

For now, the Mountainview Hall will continue its fight to stay alive and keep the community together.

Kohut said the committee will hold fundraising initiatives to recover some of the renovation costs when the hall is up and running again in the spring.

Carla Victor/Didsbury Review
EXTREME MAKEOVER - Sharon Briz and Louis Shultz are two of many residents and board members of the Mountain View Community and hall association (located east of Didsbury's overpass) who are renovating their hall to make it the community hub it used to be.



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100 years of memories

BY JODI STYNER
Didsbury Review

The old school building that now houses the Didsbury museum will celebrate 100 years this fall, and within its walls, lie countless stories. This year the Review will tell some of those stories through the perspective of the people who lived there.

It was 1941 and Joyce Mullen, then Joyce Morgan, wanted to join the army. Her dad was a First World War vet and she shared his interest in all things military, but her mom wouldn't have it.

So she kept plugging away at the post office, working for her dad.

But when she heard a group of women in Edmonton had formed a volunteer service corps, she saw it as an opportunity to start her own unit in Didsbury.

It wasn't long before she and her friend, Anne, had 20 other girls signed up, and they needed to find a place to hold regular meetings, classes, lectures, and to do their drills.

Naturally they went where "everything under the sun" happened - the old school building.

Mullen remembers a time when the Sgt. Major had her leading a march. They were headed straight for the school and she forgot what she was supposed to say.

He said "stop 'em" and I said, "whoa!" Mullen remembers.

"I should have said 'halt', but I was a

"It was one of the best times of my life."

JOYCE MULLEN

farm girl."

Another time, the girls thought it would be funny to sing the popular song "Kiss Me Goodnight Sgt. Major".

"He blushed from head to toe," said Mullen.

The group held regular dances as well, inviting boys down to Didsbury from the army post in Red Deer and the air force station at what is now the Bowden Penitentiary.

Some of the women eventually married the men they met at these dances.

Through the Corps, the girls learned everything from home nursing to motor mechanics, a tremendous opportunity then.

Being from the country, Mullen already had some knowledge of motor vehicles, but most of the other girls couldn't even change a tire when they started with the group.

Thanks to the experience they received through the Alberta Women's Service Corps (AWSC), many of them eventually went on to serve with the army, navy and air force.

Mullen was one of them.

She was 22 and had started becoming a little bit "orangutan-y", wanting to loosen her father's hold on her.

So she signed up for secretarial school in Calgary and was walking along a then bare 9th Ave. downtown, when she came across a poster that read, "Join the Royal Canadian Air Force Women's Division. We Serve So Men May Fly."

There was a recruitment office just three blocks away, so she headed straight over.

When she arrived, Mullen was told she exceeded the weight limit, but never one to give up, she responded by saying, "what right have you to say I can't serve my country if I can pass the medical?"

She took the medical, passed, and a week later was off to Depo in Ottawa.

Less than a week into training, during the first drill session, Mullen's instructor called her over and said, "you've had drill haven't you?"

Her training in Didsbury had served her well.

Mullen served first in Vancouver and for a brief time in Patricia Bay, before a post came down from Ottawa that she was to go to Comox, where she stayed until her father, who wasn't well, requested that she ask for a compassionate discharge. She was hoping she wouldn't get it, but it was granted and she returned home to Didsbury where she still lives today.

Looking back on her AWSC beginnings, Mullen said they were truly happy days.

"It was one of the best times of my life."

Joyce Mullen remembers

In 1941 I asked Anne Morton (Jenkins) if she would go to Edmonton with me to see about organizing a unit of the Volunteer Alberta Women's Service Corp.

We were able to form a unit and we had about 20 girls join up. We had uniforms to wear which we bought at our own cost and we took drill at the grounds of the old school, now our museum. We had a militia unit of the King's Own Regiment in town, who used the school and the grounds on the weekends, the rooms in the school for lectures and written work. In inclement weather, for any drill they used the basement. The unit's Sergeant Major, Jack Garner, gave us our drill and we could take the signalling course with them if we wished. The instructor was Charlie Martin, a First World War veteran. We took a home nursing course in one of the rooms from a nurse from the hospital. We learned motor mechanics at Ed Ford Motors, and stripped vehicles and learned to straighten out fenders at Roger Barrett's garage.

I joined the RCAFWD in January of 1943 and the AWSC continued to function until the summer of that year, when some of the other girls joined the forces and a number moved to the city for jobs.

In 1957, when I became an akela with the First Didsbury Cub Pack, we were meeting in the Lion's hall above Halliday's grocery, now JD's. When the hall was closed down we had to find a meeting place and we went from pillar to post, as they say, and ended up one winter in the basement of the school.

Sam Franklin was the janitor and he would let me in early to put up my charts, unload games equipment, and everything had to be taken down and out after the meeting.

My two sons attended the old school from Grade 1 to Grade 4. Grades 5 and 6 were in two small country schools which had been closed and were relocated across the road from the east side of the high school. Grade 7 and 8 were taught at the high school. There were portable rooms attached there for overflow. Ross Ford Elementary was built and the old school was closed and became our museum in 1989.

There are so many memories in that old building.

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Doors open at 7:00 pm. Play starts at 8:00 pm. Tickets \$15.00 each. Please call Lucy for info. 335-4359. 4-7

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FAMILY DANCE at Lone Pine Hall on Feb. 17. Doors open at 5:30, supper 6-7 hamburgers, dance 7-10. Cost \$20/family. For info call Bev 335-4388 sponsored by Lone Pine Ag Society. 6-7

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DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE Committee's next meeting is set for March 5, 2007. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For info call 507-5805.

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February 11 -
February 17

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Opinion

Editorial

Porn column dissected

As expected, the Review has received numerous phone calls over the past week regarding the Feb. 6 editorial "Porn service smart business move".

I stand by that editorial. I wrote it to generate discussion and that's exactly what it did. But I will explain why I wanted to get you talking.

I didn't write it because I think pornography is good for society and the more easily accessible it is, the better.

Pornography wasn't even really the issue. It was just a good vehicle for the greater issue, which I will now explain.

The point I was making was that a big business, like Telus, doesn't have the same moral responsibility to its customers as a small business does.

We may not like it, we may feel we deserve more, but the reality is that dollars often speak louder than words in the big business world.

A small-town business, with small-town values, has a much different bottom line than that of a big business.

That is partly because the owners of a small-town business often share their customers' values. But it is also because they deal directly with those customers and face-to-face interaction helps them shape their business operations.

If you've ever tried to call Telus to issue a complaint, you know that you never actually get to speak to anyone who can fix the problem. You can write a formal letter and hope to get a response, but that's unlikely too.

A business like that, run by people who never speak to customers either in person or on the phone, thinks only in terms of dollars because that's how they communicate.

They hold that "what's the big deal, really" attitude, because their bottom line is completely money driven and they're raking in the money.

The real crime is that we, as rural customers, get gypped because we have no say in their business operations.

As it stands right now, we can't shop locally for our telephone and communication services, so boycotting the company isn't an option.

But again, there is a bigger issue at work here.

The more we support big businesses, the less consumer driven and more money driven the economy will become.

The solution then, if you want to shop where small-town values are reflected, is to shop small town.

That way when you have something to say, your voice will be heard.

So get talking.

-Jodi Styner

Ponderings of the heart

Just enjoy

BY MARGARET FRADLEY
For the Review

Recently, my husband once again suggested my articles were getting a little too serious. Perhaps I needed to lighten up just a little. I suppose the way I have been writing is just "me."

However, my daughter recently read somewhere that we are encouraged to throw away all the numbers of our lives. Our age, how tall or short we are; we might occasionally think, "oh, if only I were 20 years younger", or young people might think it would be nice to grow up more quickly. Some of us, on the other hand, might think it would be nice to be just a little taller or shorter. So often our lives get hung up on issues and things that simply cannot be changed.

Are we content with who we are, and our stature, our age? Perhaps we just need to learn to flow with who we are, just learn to relax more, laugh more, and not feel guilty about having a good time.

In a talk show recently, the question was asked, "how much fun are you to live with?" Now there's an interesting question. How do we answer that? Of course there are times to be serious, but how refreshing it is to enjoy good fellowship and a good laugh with friends. How did I do? Is this somewhat lighter?



Letter to the editor

Telus service immoral

I vehemently disagree with Jodi Styner's Editorial in February 6th Didsbury Review.

The moral tone or lack thereof, of this young person is certainly not everyone's. We are not talking about something wholesome like a nature walk. Nor are we talking about 'girlie' pictures viewed in privacy. We are talking about a public service provider making money off of something as destructive to society as 'hard-core' porn. I could go on and on about what behavioural therapists

have said negatively about 'porn' morally dehumanizing, treating women as sex objects, and can become addictive but I do not have the room.

No, Jodi, you are dead wrong. If people insist on viewing this junk don't do it anywhere around me. If I didn't have a locked-in contract with Telus, I would quit them today for doing this.

Rose Balcom
Didsbury

Porn service dangerous

You called Telus porn service a smart business move in your

Feb. 6 editorial. Here are some reasons why I think Telus made a dangerous, self-destructive move:

a) Is an avid pornography watcher capable of real tender love to his family? His so-called love will often be a series of abuse, rape and incest acts on those that depend on him. A sure recipe to destroy the family and to fill our jails, where cellphones are not allowed.

b) It took years before the law came down hard on drunk drivers. Cellphones cause more accidents than

drunk drivers and, loaded with pornography, will increase the carnage. The legal profession can look forward to a big bonanza once an understanding judge rules that the porn provider is partly responsible for a crippling accident. By that time it might dawn on the smart boys at Telus that jailbirds and corpses don't pay the phone bills.

P.S. I was not impressed by your article on actress Pam Hyatt. Try to be more refined next time.

Henry Kuelker
Didsbury

Paper's professionalism compromised

In regard to your extensive and lavishly illustrated story on pages 6 and 7 of the Feb. 6 REVIEW, I wish Ms. Hyatt well in this segment of her "new journey" and I hope that she enjoys whatever time she spends in Didsbury, however I take issue with some of the story content. Until now The Didsbury Review has maintained a degree of professionalism and good taste that was

severely compromised in this issue. Much of your story was inappropriate and most of it was of only limited interest. I suppose there is a possibility that you might gain some readership through the use of locker room conversation and the F word but my guess is that your losses will outweigh your gains.

Noreen Olson

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Council briefs

• In order for Council to receive relevant information in a more timely fashion, unapproved and unedited minutes from boards, commissions, committees and task forces will be brought forward as information

• Council approved an education program for the installation and usage of Solid Fuel Burning Appliances.

• A delegation from Campus Green Condo Association addressed Council regarding their concerns with taxes and asked that Council consider a different tax rate for condominiums

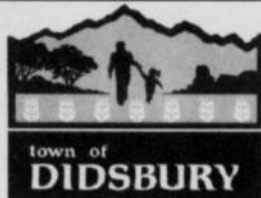
• Council received the resignations of Judy

Osborne and Kate Sawford from the Didsbury Municipal Library Board. The appointments of John Kohut to the Didsbury and District Fire Authority; and Wayne Green to the Didsbury Centennial Trail Committee were approved by Council.

• The Red Deer Regional Catholic Division #39 requested the Town of Didsbury to allow them to have a voting station during the 2007 General Election in October. Council granted permission for the Red Deer Catholic School Division to have a voting station, however the rules and regulations of the Local Authorities Election Act must be followed which includes the requirement that no advertising may be posted.

• Council approved that residents who wish to have a second black rollout cart will be charged a levy at the same cost of the first cart per month, as is done in Olds.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

TOWN COUNCIL:

Tuesday, 20, 2007 Council Chambers at 7:00 pm

The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 pm (March 9, 2007)

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, February 21, 2007—Council Chambers at 4:30 pm

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS:

• DP 15-07	2113—21 Avenue	Deck—Second Storey	R1
• HO 01-07	2022—18 Avenue	Home Occupation—Jewelry/Giftware/Home Décor Sales with condition	RC

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037—19 Avenue or by calling 335-3391. Person(s) wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on February 27, 2007.

Robert Wigg, Development Officer

ROLLOUT CARTS—WHERE TO PLACE THEM

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POSITION: CHILDCARE WORKER

Reports to: Manager of Parks and Recreation

Position Summary: Responsible for care and supervision of children during facility programs and providing appropriate activities for children.

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PO Box 790

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All applicants are thanked for their interest, and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



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For more info, call DNP at 335-8719.

NOTICE OF APPEAL HEARING

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board of the Town of Didsbury hereby gives notice of a hearing to be held at the Town of Didsbury Administration Office, 2037—19 Avenue, Didsbury, Alberta.

DATE: **Tuesday, February 20, 2007**

TIME: **2:00 p.m.**

Relevant to an appeal lodged with the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board regarding:

Legal Description	EAST 30' LOT 19, BLOCK: 15, PLAN 51161; WEST 40' LOT 20, BLOCK: 15 PLAN 51161
Civic/Municipal Description:	1243—22 AVENUE
Appellant/Agent:	TIM AND RETA WILCOX
Applicant/Landowner:	PAT ARBUCKLE
Type of Development:	KENNEL—PRIVATE
The appeal was lodged by the:	APPELLANT

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board shall hear:

- the appellant or any person acting on his/her behalf,
- the development authority from whose order, decision, or development permit the appeal is made, or if a person is designated to act on behalf of the development authority, that person,
- any other person who was served with notice of the hearing and who wishes to be heard or a person acting on his/her behalf, and
- any other person who claim to be affected by the order, decision, or permit, and that the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board agrees to hear or a person acting on his/her behalf.

Dated at Didsbury, Alberta this 8th day of February, 2007

ALANA GIBSON
Secretary

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board



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Wannamaker recounts "freaky" race of a lifetime

BY JODI STYNER
Didsbury Review

Didsbury musher Rick Wannamaker returned home to fanfare last week after winning the Canadian Challenge sled dog race.

Residents gathered at the train station to welcome Wannamaker home and to listen as he recounted the truly insane race.

It seems Canada's longest and toughest sled dog race started out even rougher than usual.

The wife of Saskatchewan's Lieutenant Governor was to ride on one of the sleds for the first five miles, but her trip was cut short when two sleds crashed and her head split open, according to Wannamaker.

An hour after that, a driver passing by got distracted by the race and ran head-on into a semi-truck. Luckily everyone survived.

After that excitement died down, things started going a little smoother.

Then Rick and his team fell in a lake.

Then a bad storm hit. The wind was blowing 50 mph and the temperature hit about 53 below zero.

One stretch between checkpoints was about 20 miles longer than the mushers had been told.

Then they headed into the Thunder Hills where a native team refused to go, and that's when things got "freaky."

"First of all I thought I was lost," said Wannamaker. But they found their way through the storm.

The blizzard got worse, so instead of standing on the runners, he knelt down on his knees to keep warm.

"All of sudden my lead dog is right in front of my sled," said Wannamaker.

"He quit, just dropped over like you hit him with a bullet."

So he put him at the wheel and went about another mile and the dog dropped again, just tipped right over.

"I took everything out of the sled and strapped it to the top and I was just going to carry him, but he wouldn't go in the sled. He started squealing like a pig."

If the dog wasn't tired, what's the deal?, he thought.

Wannamaker put the dog on the wheel again, but loosened his tug line. They made it to the next checkpoint and the dog was still a bit squirrely, but seemed otherwise fine.

But he left the dog, along with another sick dog, with a vet, just in case.

Shortly after, an RCMP officer came up to Wannamaker and told him he'd run through a pack of wolves.

"Sometimes a dog will lay down and give up, just play dead," said Wannamaker.

The teams started to drop off at that point.

"The dogs were doing better than the mushers," said Wannamaker.

"I think the mushers were just fried, but I think the good Lord was looking after me because I didn't come off there all depressed, I came off there fired up like a crazy man."

After two shorter stretches, letting the dogs rest more than usual, Wannamaker and his team picked up speed. They were still five teams back from the lead.

But when they arrived at the turnaround point, Wannamaker said it looked like "carnage." Everyone was quitting.

The remaining teams took a mandatory eight-hour break, most opting to get hotel rooms. But not Wannamaker. He stayed with his dogs.

When they left again, Wannamaker ran his dogs the same as always.

"Not once in that race did I whistle them up or ask for more, they just did it on their own," he said.

By the time they reached the next checkpoint, the team had made up half an hour.

Then, at 4 a.m., Wannamaker heard a

voice say "Rick, they're only 15 minutes ahead."

"I'm going, the good Lord is talking to me," said Rick.

It was actually a reporter, but the news was good.

The snow quit, the moon came out and Wannamaker turned off his headlight to let the dogs run in the dark as is their preference. They sped up about two mph and shortened the leader gap, pulling into second place.

Just before the next checkpoint, the team must have smelled the truck and took off. Rick hit a spruce tree with his face.

"I told myself, 'it's gonna hurt, but hang on.'"

He sucked it up and eventually caught up to the leader, Ed Rolles.

"I was so happy to see somebody, I started jibber jabbering, and he was so mad to see me, he didn't say anything except 'nice going Rick.'"

Wannamaker pulled into the lead and that's when he started getting nervous.

But with 10 dogs left, and Rolles working with only six, Wannamaker had the power he needed.

The dogs only got stronger.

"I have never asked my dogs to go faster, I don't clap or whistle, what they want to give me I take, and they just happened to give me more than the other teams," he said.

That's why Rick and Dena were also awarded the best cared for team award.

"When I got close to the finish line all I said to the dogs is 'let's go guys, mama's up ahead' and we took off. The last mile of that 400 mile race they loped in there as hard as we'd left."

When he looked at the faces of pile of people standing at the finish line, Wannamaker said their jaws were at their knees.

"They said they've never seen a dog team cross the finish line like that."

BARLEY PLEBISCITE

The Government of Canada is conducting a plebiscite among Western Canadian producers to give them a voice on how they wish to market barley. The plebiscite will take place between February 7 and March 13, 2007.

Voter Eligibility

- Each farming entity, whether a single producer, groups, a partnership, cooperatives or corporations forming a single operation, will be eligible for one vote.
- Producers will be required to have produced grain during the past year, and to have produced barley in at least one out of the past five years (2002-2006).
- Producers who are active farmers will be able to be included on the voters' list upon declaration of their extenuating circumstances if they had planned to produce a grain crop in 2006 but were unable to do so.

For information on the voting process:

Visit: www.2007barleyvote.ca
E-mail: 2007barleyvote@kpmg.ca
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Deadline to request a ballot and declaration form is March 2, 2007.
These must be mailed and postmarked by midnight March 13, 2007.

Canada



CANADIAN CHAMPIONS - Dena and Rick Wannamaker pose at the finish line of the Canadian Challenge in Prince Albert, Sask. Rick won Canada's longest dog sled race, crossing the finish line in three days, one hour and 33 minutes.



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SIMPLE WAYS TO EAT HEALTHIER:

1. Use cooking methods like baking, broiling or steaming foods.
2. Stock your fridge and cupboards with healthy food.
3. If you're making something healthy, make enough for leftovers.
4. Try drinking more water. Aim for 6 to 8 glasses a day.



Try to drink 6 to 8 glasses of water every day.



Keep healthy snacks, like dried fruit and nuts, at work and around the house.

Healthy eaters aren't born that way. Unhealthy eaters aren't born that way either. In reality, people simply tend to eat what's around them.

That means if you stock your refrigerator and cupboards with healthy foods, you'll eat healthier. It's also a good idea to keep healthy snacks, like carrot sticks or a piece of fruit, with you at work or in your car. That way, whenever you're hungry, the easiest thing for you to grab is something healthy.

It's important to plan a list of healthy foods before you go grocery shopping. If you pick things on impulse while at the store you're likely to make less healthy choices.

There are also ways to prepare your favourite foods, like baking, broiling or steaming, that can

reduce your intake of calories significantly. A great way to learn about interesting and healthy ways to cook food is to pick up a modern cookbook that focuses on light, nutritious recipes.

It's also a good idea to choose water over coffee, pop or other sugary drinks. Aim for 6 to 8 glasses of water a day.

And one of the easiest and most practical things to keep in mind is: if you're making something healthy, make lots of it. Then keep the leftovers in the fridge or freezer so they're always handy when you're in a rush to prepare a meal.

For more tips on how to eat healthier, visit calgaryhealthregion.ca.



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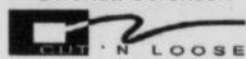
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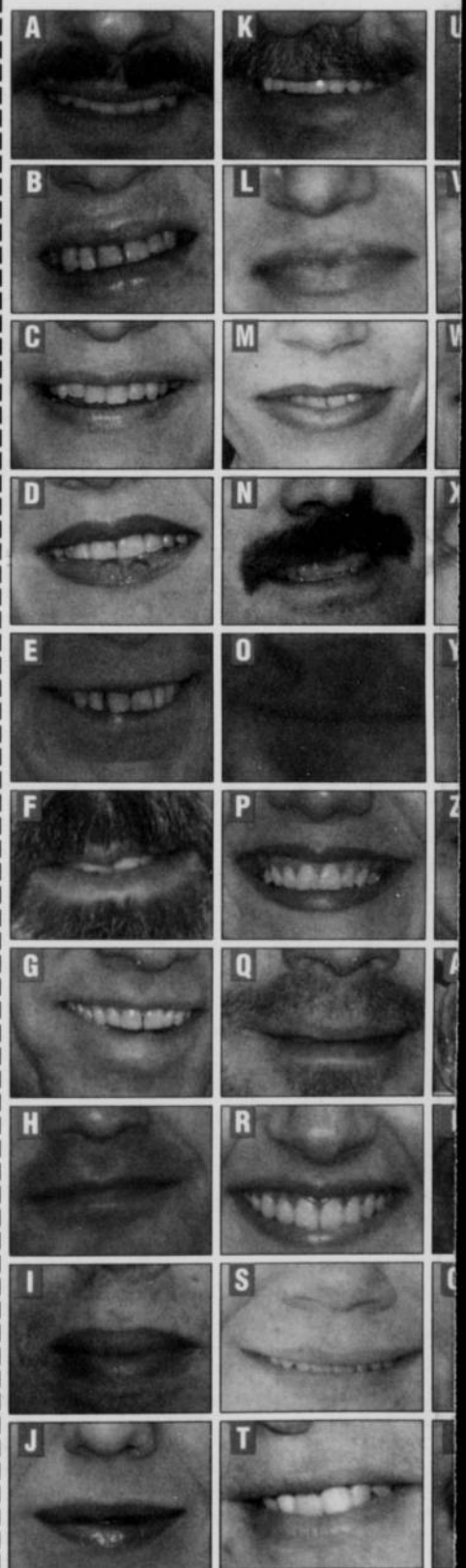
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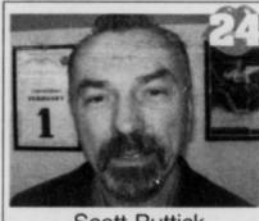
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CHAMPIONS - Ray Desgagne, Dave Melnichuk and Nick Baron, Zone three 55-plus curling champions will head up to Lloydminster for the Provincial Playdowns this weekend. Missing from the picture is teammate Ed Wicks.

Sports

Thomas takes second Canadian Junior title

Former Didsbury curler Charley Thomas, won his second consecutive Canadian Junior championship title this past weekend, defeating Prince Edward Island, 7-6 in an extra end.

P.E.I. was the only rink able to beat Thomas and his Alberta rink in regular play during the tournament in St. Catharines, Ont.

So Thomas knew they'd be tough to beat in the final.

"We knew it was going to be a close game," said the 20-year-old Thomas, who now lives in Edmonton. "We expected it to go all 10 ends."

Thomas said this win was a bit different

from his first win last year.

"This one seems real, the other one so surreal," he said.

"The first time we were happy to win the province. Now that we knew we had the ability to do it, it makes it a lot more worthwhile."

Thomas will now try to match the record of Ontario's John Morris as the only two-time consecutive winner of Canadian and world junior titles, when he takes to the ice March 3-11 in Eveleth, Minnesota for the 2007 world juniors.

Last year, he captured world honours in Jeonju, Korea.

Jodi Styner

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Offensive explosion against Flyers

BY BARRY WILLIAMS
Didsbury Review

Five unanswered goals in the opening period enabled the Mountainview Colts to skate away with a 9-1 victory over the High River Flyers in Heritage Junior B Hockey League action played in Didsbury on Friday, Feb. 10.

Backed by an outstanding effort from Evan Miller between the pipes, the Colts completely dominated the game offensively, peppering Flyers' netminder Derek Hemsley with

48 shots.

After giving up an early first period goal off the stick of Curtis Vanatta, Miller settled into the game, making several outstanding saves by robbing the Flyers' sharpshooters destined to blink the red light. Miller finished the game with 33 saves.

Denting the twine for the Colts in the first period with their first goals of the season were Tyler Rasmussen and Dennis Stirling. Jeff Clazie chipped in with a pair of goals with a singleton going to Byron Campbell to round out the onslaught of goals.

Campbell completed his

hat trick with a pair of goals in the middle frame. Completing the scoring in the second period was Dick Turville.

A pair of power play goals by Clazie in the third period rounded out the scoring for the Colts.

With the win, the Colts, with 47 points, remained a point behind the pace-setting Airdrie Thunder in the race for supremacy in the Central division. In third place in the division with 36 points are the Cochrane Generals while the Three Hills Thrashers with 29 points are in fourth place. In fifth place are the Banff Academy Bears with 17 points.

Clazie is the Colts' leading scorer with 49 points on 23 goals and 26 assists. Mike Arnold has compiled 27 goals and 18 assists for 45 points while Campbell has 18 goals and 24 assists for 42 points.

A high scoring team, the Colts are averaging 4.79 goals per game with 163 goals scored. Defensively, the Colts have been stingy through the current 2006-2007 season as they have allowed just 101 goals against. Among the goals scored are 42 power play goals and 6 short-handed goals, tops in the league.

In the net, Miller has a 2.88 goals-against average and a .921 save percentage. Meanwhile, the Colts' other goalie, Kris Jackson has a 3.31 goals against average and a .900 save percentage.

Next home game for the Colts at the Didsbury Memorial Complex is on Friday, Feb. 16 when they host the Banff Academy Bears.

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Your Letters

Agree to disagree on animal issue

Re: Don't badmouth the mayor

First off, I would like to thank you, Davia, for your response to my letter in last week's paper. It's always nice to hear another's take on things, especially a fellow animal lover. I'm afraid we will just have to agree to disagree on a few topics, though.

In reply to your question asking me if I am aware of the "processes and requirements", I most certainly am. Being a business owner who deals with animals on a daily basis, I do have a copy of the entire Town's bylaws regarding animals. I also have a copy of the letter written by the Town's bylaw offices last year when the cat bylaw was instated, which clearly states the Town's stance in regards to stray cats as well as the services which will be covered by Krebs Vet Clinic. Being an animal owner and lover, it is my responsibility to know the Town's laws regarding animals.

What does agreeing that punishments for animal cruelty should be a great deal more have to do with me apparently "badmouthing" the town's mayor, authorities, and other leaders? First of all, I most certainly am NOT badmouthing anyone; I am clearly stating FACTS. Sometimes the truth hurts and apparently this is one of those times. Secondly, regardless of the number of individuals and/or times calls are placed to the Town concerning stray and/or injured animals, the individual has the right to be dealt with respectfully, and appropriately; not to be told point blank, "I don't deal with cats" or "either pay up or don't rescue the animal." That is simply not acceptable in my personal opinion.

Now, concerning rogue animals, which are animals that choose to travel alone and tend to be aggressive. It does not mean the animal's mind is not "clear and healthy". I do agree with you that, yes, some animals do attack human beings. However, in the greater majority of researched animal to human attack cases, there is a reason for the attack (be it abuse, lack of obedience, territorial, mating season, etc.). Nine out of 10 times it is the human who is in the wrong. A very small percentage of animals are mentally ill and do attack humans for no reason. There is absolutely NO comparison between animal to human attacks and human to human attacks.

Are you seriously comparing a primate's stealing of

food or a toy to the stealing which goes on between human beings? And yes, a "pride's" leader will, on occasion, kill its young. He will also attack and/or kill any other male who attempts to challenge his leadership over his pride. It is called survival of the fittest; it's a natural occurrence in the wild and happens in every species. Male animals of all species will fight for territory and will also fight to have breeding rights and, yes, sometimes those fights do result in one of the combatant's injuries and death. Female animals will also fight to protect their offspring as well as fight for territory. Are you going to compare that to the "most evolved species", the human being, murdering one another for no reason?

As far as which species is more evolved on this planet, you are certainly entitled to your opinion: "Pollution, on the other hand, is a direct result of our intelligence. Therefore, the only reason that animals are not contributing to the polluting of the earth is because of their lack of intelligence in comparison to human beings."

Our intelligence is polluting the earth! If you consider all of our "conveniences" in this world a measure of evolution and intelligence, I strongly disagree with you.

You were wondering if I would choose to kill a human being over an animal. I would choose to kill neither; I am not a murderer. Hypothetically speaking, if the situation arose where I was driving and came to an animal crossing the road, having to choose which action I would take: if ditching my vehicle was not an option, having to choose between swerving into oncoming traffic or hitting the animal, I most certainly would, with a very heavy heart, choose to hit the animal, stopping immediately to aid the animal in any way possible. If it came to saving my four-legged family members or a human being, my family would be the first I'd attend to. If it came to killing a human being who murders, rapes, molests children, tortures animals, or killing an innocent animal, which commits not one of these crimes, the animal wins hands-down.

Having responded to Davia's letter, I would like to thank the Didsbury Review's editor for the chance to do so. In the future, if anyone wishes to discuss anything regarding animal welfare, please give me a call. My business/home phone number is listed.

Tamara Chaney
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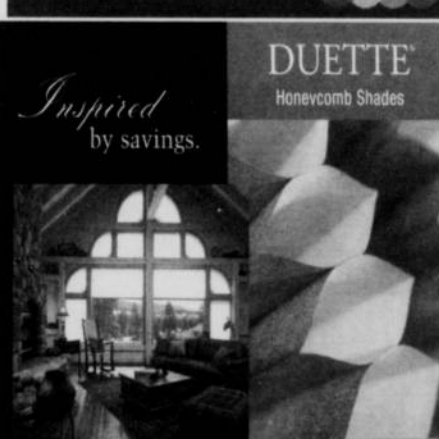
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YOUR LETTERS

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I too have been following the story of the cat rescued by Shawne Mohl, sympathizing with his plight, because I too have done the same thing he did, and feeling his frustration while getting absolutely no help from the Town. All for being a nice guy!

Therefore, I must write this letter because on Saturday, Feb. 3 while at home, a couple drove into my yard and in the back of their truck, had a dog they'd found on the Westcott Rd, a few miles from my home, full of porcupine needles in her mouth and nose. The couple, who was very concerned for this poor dog's welfare asked if I knew who owned the dog. Unfortunately I did not recognize the dog. I called the vet clinic for help and spoke to a wonderful woman named Yvonne, who right away told me to have the dog brought in, and that this couple would not be held responsible for billing.

The couple then left with the dog and took her in. So after calling the clinic, so far the dog has not been claimed, but I just wanted to write and say how nice it is to live in a community with caring people, who really love animals.

Thanks to the unknown couple from Calgary, and Krebs Vet Clinic. It's always great to hear a good story about people and animals in and around Didsbury.

Shelley Trotter
West Didsbury

Warming up to climate change

Re: 02-07-07 Letter to Editor: "A Final Response on Global Warming"

With respect to Beth Wiens' letter of last week, it was not my wish to engage in debate about climate science, or "junk science" as Stephen Harper calls it. Really I'm just worn out tired of the debate, and it's just getting going. Climate change denial gains much of its credence from "independent" scientists on the payroll of "think tanks" that function at the very shortest arm's length from those who have the most to lose: big business. On the other hand, the "sky is falling" approach is gaining global momentum and is taking top political priority away from minding the store, fighting poverty and fixing health-care delivery. Moderate opinions on the issue of global warming, as with all issues, simply do not sell advertising or put politicians in office.

The shock troops on either extreme of the equation are calling to us to: a) literally risk our way of life or, b) do absolutely nothing. It's as if we, the jury, must either convict mankind for destroying the Earth and lock him away forever, or exonerate him, and apologize for the inconvenience. Remember George Bush? "You are either with us, or you are with the terrorists!" Name calling, fear mongering,

and well brewed hatred all serve the objective of consolidating ideological control. The bewildered soul caught in the middle is bombarded with information, disinformation, politics and innuendo, and is goaded into taking sides - picking a winner in the great climate debate and digging in for the coming battle.

Personally, I have experienced and embraced the logic on both extremes of the political-social spectrum at one or another time in my life. Speaking from experience then, those who "have it", and don't want to lose it, tend to gravitate to the right side, while those who don't "have it", and want redistribution, tend to gravitate to the left side. Our collective ability to reason, communicate and strive for improvement will continue to be "kneecapped" by this dysfunctional gulf, and, over the long haul, only a pittance will continue to benefit from not changing anything.

Maybe we simply need to be more Canadian in our approach: act on climate change that promises three solid months of outdoor pickup hockey followed by an actual and sustained spring.

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- Bring your camera and take all the pictures you want. However, if you are using a Polaroid, please be aware that the chemicals used in the film are poisonous to dogs. All photographers should make sure that their activities do not startle the dogs or interfere with a team's progress.
- Sudden moves toward or away from the trail may cause a team to bolt so pick your position and hold it until all teams in your area have passed your post.
- Never offer a dog treats and always ask before petting.
- Naturally, if a dog shows signs of nervousness, this is not the time to form an alliance with him. He has important business at hand and should not be distracted. Many people feel that they "have a way with animals" but a sled dog race is not the place to test that theory.
- Keep toddlers in hand. Eager dogs, ready to run, may leap or rear up in anticipation of the race and it would be unfortunate to have an accident that was the fault of neither dog nor child.
- Cooperate with race officials. Stay clear of the trail. Stand well back as anyone too close may distract the dogs and cause them to bolt or balk. It's easier for everyone to have a clear view of the teams if the crowd is not jammed.
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100. Obituaries 100. Obituaries

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It is with great sadness that the family of Lydia Mandzie of Carstairs announce her passing on January 30th, 2007 at the age of 93 years. Lydia will be lovingly remembered by her children; Norma Elliott of Wainwright, Leonard McCulloch (Chere) of Carstairs, her son-in-law Stan Schumaker of Rimby, fourteen grandchildren, twenty-eight great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents Christian and Rosina Bittner; her brothers and sisters; her son Robert (Bobbie); daughter Jessie; great great grandson Gabrielle; son in law Hugh Elliott and husbands Walter McCulloch, Jack Nelson and John Mandzie. A Celebration of Lydia's life was held on Saturday, February 10th, 2007 at the Didsbury United Church (1406-19th Ave. Didsbury) at 1pm. Interment followed in the Didsbury Cemetery. The family wishes to thank the Adult Day Support, Home Care, Aspen Ridge Lodge, and the Didsbury Hospital for all the love and care you showed Lydia over the last few years. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made to the Aspen Ridge Lodge, Didsbury (Box 2290, Didsbury AB, T0M 0W0). Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels of Didsbury, Phone: (403) 335-4773. Proudly serving the community for over 45 years. Condolences to the family may be forwarded to www.mountainviewfuneralchapels.com.

130. Coming Events 130. Coming Events

Family Dance at Lone Pine Hall on February 17.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Supper 6 - 7 p.m. Hamburgers

Dance 7 - 10. Cost \$20/family.

Any questions call Bev at 335-4388

140. Births 140. Births

Adam & Melanie Barr are pleased to announce the arrival of **PATRICK** a new brother for Jerome.

Proud grandparents are Mike & Sharon Barr and Noel & Marie Jean.

150. Birthdays/Anniversaries 150. Birthdays/Anniversaries

Baylee Black would like to announce the marriage of her mom,

Tammy, to Alex Gillipsie, the wedding will take place in Didsbury on June 16, 2007.



500. Tenders

MOUNTAIN VIEW CREDIT
Didsbury is accepting bids for janitorial services. A copy of contract is available for review at branch. All bids must be received by Feb. 15th please bring bids to DIDSBURY BRANCH Attention: Bill

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510. Legal Notices

Notice to Creditors and Claimants

Estate of Arthur Frank Gooding who died on November 24, 2006.

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by March 15, 2007 and provide details of your claim with Good Mahoney Lawson, Barristers & Solicitors, Solicitors for the Personal Representative at Suite 105, Lower Level Victoria Square Mall, 2034 19th Avenue, Box 1027, Didsbury, Alberta T0M 0W0.

If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have.

1005. Help Wanted

FULL TIME

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1005. Help Wanted

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Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 invites applications for a full-time Educational Assistant at Hugh Sutherland School (Grades K-12) in Carstairs, during the 2006-2007 school year, and effective immediately. The successful candidate will work in a middle school environment, providing educational support to students with special needs. Preference will be given to individuals who are certified teacher assistants and who have related experience. Resume, complete with the names and telephone numbers of three current work related references, should be forwarded to:

Jonathan Knights, Principal
Hugh Sutherland School
R.R. 1
Carstairs, AB. T0M 0N0
Telephone: 403-337-3326
Fax: 403-337-3918

For information on Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73, please check our website (www.chinooksedge.ab.ca). Applications will be accepted until 12:00 noon, Thursday, February 8, 2007. The successful applicants will be required to provide a criminal record check. While we thank all applicants for their interest, only those individuals selected for interviews will be contacted. Resumes of individuals not granted an interview will not be kept on file.

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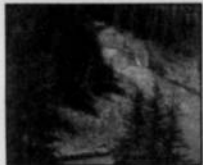


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